The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

December 4, 2019

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer,

The undersigned organizations, representing hundreds of thousands of individuals and institutions working in science, technology, engineering, medicine and mathematics, urge you to complete work on the fiscal year (FY) 2020 appropriations bills as soon as possible. The uncertainty created by short and long-term continuing resolutions (CRs) has severe consequences for science and research.

Our community is grateful for the leadership shown earlier this year when the government reached a budget agreement that lifted the restrictive discretionary budget caps in place under the Budget Control Act of 2011. Taking this important step paves the way for meaningful increases to science and research programs and agencies across the federal government in 2020 and beyond. Furthermore, we are encouraged by the strong support from appropriators on both sides of the Capitol and on both sides of the aisle for increasing funding for research and development (R&D) across multiple agencies and programs.

Federal investments provide the lifeblood for research, discovery and innovation in the United States, driving one of the most powerful engines for American prosperity and global leadership. At least two dozen federal agencies fund defense and nondefense R&D. Failing to complete work on the appropriations bills that fuel this engine in a timely manner impedes our ability to address fundamental challenges such as chronic and infectious diseases, food and energy security, cybersecurity and natural disasters—all of which require advancements in science and technology fostered through federal investments.

We call on you to work in a bipartisan manner and without delay to complete work on the FY 2020 spending bills so that we can continue to lead the world in science and innovation and improve the health, security and economic strength of our nation. Our organizations and our members stand ready to work with you toward this goal. Thank you for consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Academy of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research
AcademyHealth
Acoustical Society of America
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research

AdvaMedDx
American Anthropological Association
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Geographers
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Mycobacterial Diseases
American Association of Physical Anthropologists
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Association of Physics Teachers
American Astronomical Society
American Chemical Society
American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM)
American College of Radiology
American Crystallographic Association
American Dairy Science Association
American Diabetes Association
American Educational Research Association
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geophysical Union
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Institute of Biological Sciences
American Institute of Chemical Engineers
American Institute of Physics
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Mathematical Society
American Meteorological Society
American Physical Society
American Physiological Society
American Phytopathological Society
American Political Science Association
American Psychological Association
American Roentgen Ray Society
The American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Engineering Education
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Virology
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Emergency Radiology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR)

American Society of Plant Biologists
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
American Sociological Association
American Statistical Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Aquatic Plant Management Society
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Population Centers
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of Science and Technology Centers
Association of University Radiologists
Behavior Genetics Association
Biophysical Society
Coalition for National Science Funding
Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR)
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Computing Research Association
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Undergraduate Research
Crop Science Society of America
CureHHT
Duke University
Ecological Society of America
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
FASS
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Florida State University
Genetics Society of America
Geological Society of America
Global Health Technologies Coalition
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
Hydrocephalus Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Institute for Systems Biology
Institute of Food Technologists
Institute of Mathematical Statistics

International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine
International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis
The Kidney Cancer Association
KidneyCAN
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
LUNGevity Foundation
Materials Research Society
Medical Image Perception Society
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
Moffitt Cancer Center
Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals Multi-State Initiative
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR)
Neurofibromatosis Network
New Mexico Academy of Science
Oregon State University
OSA-The Optical Society
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Penn State University
Population Association of America
Poultry Science Association
Research!America
Rochester Academy of Science, Rochester, NY
SAGE Publishing
Seismological Society of America
SHEPHERD Foundation
Society for Advanced Body Imaging
Society for American Archaeology
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society for Psychophysiological Research
Society for the Study of Evolution
Society of Breast Imaging
Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Skeletal Radiology
Society of Thoracic Radiology
Society of Toxicology
Soil Science Society of America
Southeastern Universities Research Association
SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics
The State University of New York

Supporters of Agricultural Research (SoAR) Foundation
Theresa's Research Foundation
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
UCLA
Union of Concerned Scientists
US Dairy Forage Research Center Stakeholder Committee
Vanderbilt University
Veterans for Common Sense
Weed Science Society of America
West Virginia University
Western North American Region (WNAR) of the International Biometric Society (IBS)
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer